

September 25, 2023

Town of Portsmouth 2200 East Main Road Portsmouth, RI 02871 PORTSHOUTH, B.J.
2023 SEP 271 A II: 43

Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC 890 Winter Street, Suite 320 Waltham, MA 02451

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Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC - Notice to Landowners

G-2 Natural Gas Pipeline Maintenance Project

Parcel: 68-3

Tract(s): G2-RI-NE-G-2-58

## Dear Landowner:

Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC ("Algonquin") is an interstate natural gas pipeline transmission company that maintains and operates interstate pipelines extending from New Jersey through the states of New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. Our interstate pipeline network includes an existing six-inch diameter pipeline that is located in Portsmouth and Little Compton, Rhode Island that interconnects with Rhode Island Energy, the local gas distribution company. Our existing pipeline is the sole source of natural gas for homes and businesses on Aquidneck Island. This pipeline was originally installed in 1954.

As you know from our previous letter to you, Algonquin needs to conduct a pipeline maintenance project in Portsmouth and Little Compton that would install a new twelve-inch diameter replacement natural gas pipeline and appurtenant facilities primarily within the same easement as the existing six-inch diameter pipeline. The attached map provides information on the approximate location of the proposed work that will take place between our existing meter and regulating station on Old Mill Lane in Portsmouth and the eastern shore of the Sakonnet River in Little Compton (the "Project"). After the replacement pipeline is installed and operational, Algonquin intends to abandon in place its existing six-inch pipeline by filling it with grout. You are receiving this letter because you own a property that will be affected by the proposed Project. The Project work is expected to begin in April 2024 and be completed by October, 2024.

This maintenance work is being proposed under the prior notice requirements of the blanket certificate program administered by FERC. Once Algonquin files its project notice with FERC, you will have the right to protest this project within 60 days of the date FERC issues a notice of the pipeline's filing. *Please note that FERC has not yet issued the notice of filing or issued a docket number*. We will follow-up with you with another letter once the docket number is issued. Once the docket number is issued - if you file a protest, you should include the docket number listed in a subsequent letter that you will receive from us and provide the specific reasons for your protest. The protest should be mailed to the Secretary of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, D.C. 20426. A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Algonquin constructs, maintains, and operates interstate natural gas transmission pipelines under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") pursuant to the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 717-717w). Algonquin's principal place of business is 915 North Eldridge Parkway, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas 77079.

copy of the protest should be mailed to Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, at 890 Winter Street, Suite 320, Waltham, MA 02451, If you have any questions concerning these procedures, you can call FERCs Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088. Additional information about the blanket certificate program administered by FERC can be found at the following web address: <a href="https://www.ferc.gov/natural-gas/blanket-certificates">https://www.ferc.gov/natural-gas/blanket-certificates</a>.

FERC requires that we provide affected property owners a brief description of the eminent domain process. Eminent domain is the authority granted to pipeline companies under the federal Natural Gas Act to acquire necessary property interests for projects authorized by FERC. Please be assured that Algonquin does not use the threat of eminent domain as a negotiating tool. We will only exercise that right as a means of last resort, and only if we are unable to reach a mutually acceptable agreement after having negotiated in good faith.

In the unlikely event that you and Algonquin are unable to mutually agree on a fair value for the necessary property interest following good faith negotiations, Algonquin would initiate an eminent domain proceeding in a court having the appropriate jurisdiction or U.S. District Court. You would be afforded the procedural rights of notice and the opportunity to inform the court as to what you believe the fair market value is for the property interest taken. In that event, the court would ultimately determine the amount of just compensation.

Upon the start of construction, Algonquin will make every effort to respond to landowner concerns promptly. If you have any concerns, please call Algonquin's Landowner Hotline toll free, 1-877-379-0338. A Right of Way Representative will respond to your call as soon as practicable, but in any event within 48 hours.

This contact process has been recommended by FERC and instituted by Algonquin to identify and address your concerns in the most responsive manner. If you are dissatisfied with how Algonquin has attempted to resolve your concerns, you may then contact FERC's Landowner Helpline at 1-877-337-2237 or at LandownerHelp@ferc.gov.

At this time no further action is required on your part. However, if you would like to discuss or obtain additional information concerning the proposed G-2 Natural Gas Pipeline Replacement Project, please call Mark Dorso, Right-of-Way Supervisor, toll-free at 1-877-379-0338. We will be happy to answer your questions during the project development phase.

Very truly yours,

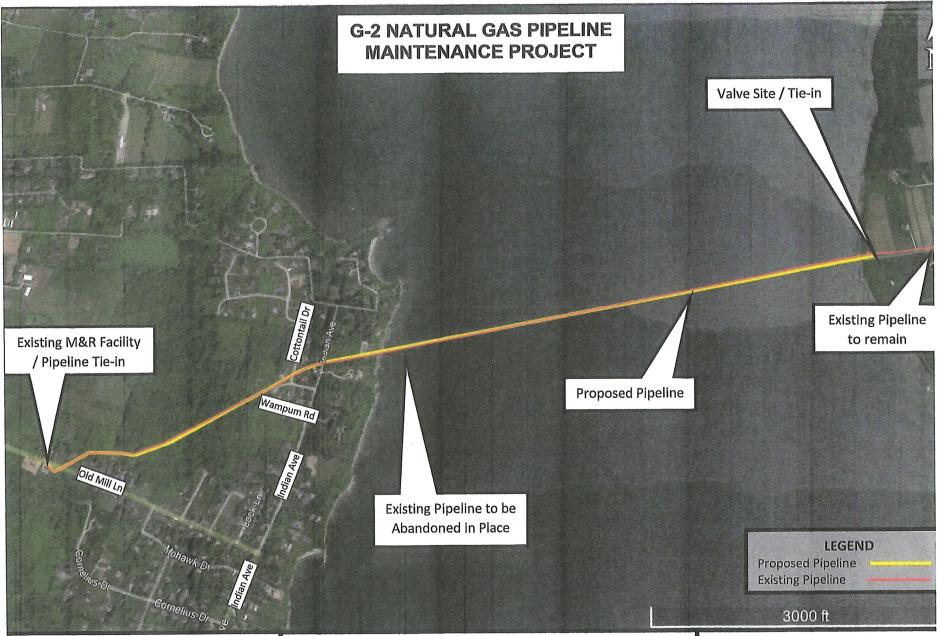
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Mark Dorso

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Enclosure

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## PROJECT OVERVIEW EXHIBIT

NEWPORT COUNTY PORTSMOUTH AND LITTLE COMPTON, RI **DWG.:** OVERVIEW EXHIBIT

**SCALE:** AS NOTED

**REVISION**: B

